

SENATE RESOLUTION 129

By Marrero

A RESOLUTION to commend Kyle Luebke for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Luebke is one such estimable individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Beverly Marrero; Kyle's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators and staff members he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a senior at the University of Memphis (UM), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Luebke will be graduating *summa cum laude* with his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Kyle Luebke received UM's Pre-Law Award from the Political Science Department, represented his college at the 2011 Crossing Borders International Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario, where he presented a paper on the place of Nunavut within the Canadian confederation, and he was selected to participate in two year-long study abroad programs – the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, Mr. Luebke writes and maintains the LGBT blog, *An Enduring Vision*, contributes regularly to the national website, *LGBTQNation*, initiated a dialogue with various religious communities through the SafeZone program, and has devoted much of his time and energy to the Tennessee Equality Project; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, he plans to attend the University of Michigan Law School, one of the top-ten law schools in the country, where he will pursue studies in International Taxation Law while working on his Master of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Kyle enjoys the love and companionship of his husband, Nathan Luebke, whom he married in Victoria, British Columbia on January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the complexities and characteristics of Tennessee state government and to further his extensive studies, Kyle Luebke brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 Regular Session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, an invaluable asset to Senator Marrero and her staff, Mr. Luebke greeted every visitor with his friendly face and outgoing personality; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in having groomed an excellent academic and bright young man; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Kyle Luebke has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and thank Kyle Luebke for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Beverly Marrero, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.